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Wa.State Atty. Gen.
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Dear Wa.State Atty. Gen.,

I am forwarding Mr. Coomer's latest flyer that he has posted on parked autos in numerous parking lots in the Highline School Dist. I can only assume that he has spent more than 200 Dollars in this effort.

It seems that he has not paid his fine from 1998 as of yet according to the PDC Web-Site. He also has been quite influential in some very questionable activities in the City of DesMoines Wa. Illegally called council meetings etc. The termination of the city manager at this meeting and numerous other activities in several cities and special taxing districts, that is detrimental to the well being of our communities.

Also please advise of how to file a formal complaint against a PAC such as Concerned Cit. for Better Govt.

Sincerely,

Ronald Clark

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HSD Lacks Accountability

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By Joseph C. Coomer

The *Seattle Times* on 3/6/2002 published an editorial titled, "Highline Bond = Yes." It stated, "The repeated failure of HSD's construction bond has sent an unhealthy message to the children... You are undeserving of safe and structurally sound schools." Pure bunk! The real message that the voters sent was *their disgust with the gross lack of accountability by the HSD.*

Sure, they tried to buy the election last September having spent over \$130,000 while the opposition spent maybe \$1,200. They outspent the opponents by over 100 to 1 and still lost. Then like now, they even had all their puppet councils endorse the bond. The previous one in 2000 did not even get 50% of the vote. *One must conclude that they have a major creditability problem.*

HSD has its priorities reversed. Maintenance has a much lower priority than travel, excessive salaries, unnecessary personnel, etc. They have 2 roofers for 3 million-sq. ft. of roofs which is absurd. Virtually all the deficiencies listed in the editorial and the proponents' literature can be traced to a gross lack of maintenance. The mold problem at the White Center school was caused by an ignored leaking roof that cost the District over \$1 million to fix. If it were your home, would you allow it to deteriorate into such a state of disrepair like letting a leaking roof go until it caused mold problems? Will the same pattern not be repeated with the new buildings?

The fact that many of the schools are 50 years old or older is not why they are in such

disrepair. Private and parochial schools and homes built over 50 years ago are still in excellent shape. The difference is they are well maintained.

Another example is the shenanigans the Board and Administration did for the librarians. Here they said that if a library had an arbitrary number of "documents," it qualified the librarian for a \$2,000 plus stipend. With levy funds they purchased just enough documents (books, etc.) to meet that requirement. Now every librarian gets one.

Sell Surplus Schools

A viable alternative to the bond is to sell a number of our surplus schools. But before addressing the subject another step should be taken. The optimum solution to the airport noise problem is to move the students from the high noise school(s) to the lower noise surplus school(s) where feasible. Of course the designated surplus school(s) should be refurbished before the students are moved. To this end the HSD should conduct a feasibility study weighing all factors, extra busing cost, refurbishment cost, etc.

In conjunction with the above, the District should settle with the Port and the FAA and accept the \$50 million from each and use part of these funds for refurbishing and modernizing the selected schools. The balance of the funds should be used to noise-proof the remaining high noise schools.

One should believe that it is not wise to continue holding onto most of these surplus schools since it is highly unlikely that enrollment will ever increase to a point where they are needed. Another factor is it is unfair and unethical to rent tax-exempt

property in competition with tax paying property. It makes more sense to liquidate it so that the property is developed into tax-paying property and an asset to the community instead of a liability. Also the District would be out from under the maintenance and insurance fiscal load that these properties demand. Since the maintenance is minimum, one must assume the facilities will deteriorate from year by year with them eventually becoming a liability instead of an asset.

It is recommended that after a study, the District should liquidate six to nine of the surplus sites. Logically one to three sites should be retained for an emergency.

In response to my request, Geraldine L. Fain, Assistant Superintendent has listed the following school sites as surplus. They have not been assessed for market value, but one can assume from \$200,000 to \$1 million per acre including facilities. Their annual cost is from \$5,000 to over \$100,000 averaging about \$35,000 and includes maintenance, insurance, and utilities. A few are partially rented.

Angle Lake site	6.5 acres
Boulevard Park Warehouse	3.8 acres
Burien Heights site	3.4 acres
Crestview site	14.3 acres
Glacier site	24.1 acres
Lakeview site	4.7 acres
Maywood site	9.2 acres
North Shorewood site	4.0 acres
Riverton Heights site	7.9 acres
Sunny Terrace site	9.8 acres
Woodside site	6.7 acres
Zenith site	15.0 acres
White Center Heights site	5.3 acres

Dumpsternomics

In June 2000 Reba Amoush was driving by the North Hill Elementary School and saw boxes and boxes of material stacked against a dumpster. So she stopped to investigate.

She found that the boxes contained a spectrum of school writing paper and other material. The dumpster was also nearly full of the same material. So she loaded her station wagon with about 35 boxes of the material which filled the vehicle. This was about 1,000 pounds of all new material still in their wrappers. Taking just the boxes on the ground she estimates that she took home:

25 boxes of 18" X 12" ruled pads.
3 boxes of 8 1/2" X 7" penmanship paper
3 boxes of 18" X 12" penmanship paper
numerous artist prints est. size 30" X 48"
huge supply of children's construction paper.
Several boxes of new reading books and other material

They may claim that the material was outdated, but writing paper, construction paper, and artist prints should never become outdated. Including the material left in the dumpster, one should believe that it cost the District from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Is the District in the habit of practicing dumpsternomics? Is this an isolated incident or is dumpsternomics practiced by all the schools?

Note: This article was submitted over three months ago as a letter-to-the-editor of the *Highline Times* but they have refused to print it. One wonders who this paper really represents, the community or their political agenda. For the past month they have bombarded the readers with front-page articles and numerous editorials supporting the bond but not a single editorial opposing it. Is this what they call balanced reporting?

Conclusion

To force some degree of accountability, the voters should take the funds away by again defeating this bond issue. By voting against this bond issue, you are voting for accountability. Please vote NO.

NOTE:

Steve Sandelius received a substantial Award thru the Court from (SWSSD.) I believe in the range of \$400,000, for breach of contract & unfounded cause for firing.

Two existing commissioners of SWSSD, ARE great Budds of Mr. Joe Coomer.

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WD 85

Operated on the Down-&-Down

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By Joseph C. Coomer

King County Water District # 85 can be described as being operated not on the up-and-up but on the down-and-down.

Up until a new Manager was hired in 1999 at WD 49, the WD 49 Manager allowed his maintenance staff and equipment to do WD 85's maintenance after normal working hours. For their work these WD 49 employees were paid *cash* "under the table" by WD 85's Manager. This maneuver allowed WD 85 to escape the expense of hiring a staff and paying the B & O taxes and employee benefits associated with permanent employees.

Also of interest is the change in the amount of water purchased by WD 85 and WD 49. In the 90's WD 85 purchased around 3.7 million ft³ of water while WD 49 purchased approximately 69 million ft³ per year. Last year, 2001 WD 85 purchased 6.1 million ft³, an increase of 2.4 million or 65%, and WD 49 bought 61.6 million ft³, a 7.4 million decrease. Why the huge

change for these two almost totally developed water districts? For WD 85's 65% increase there is only one plausible answer. They now have to buy what they were previously *stealing* from WD 49 through non-metered emergency interconnect valves, which are now locked in the closed position by WD 49. The Port's taking of a number of homes accounts for some of the WD 49's decrease. The water purchase data is from Seattle Public Utilities representative, Bruce Flory.

Continuing on how WD 85 is operated on the down-and-down is their action relative to merger petitions that were submitted to the Manager and Board in April 2001. The petitioners were able to get 208 signatures of the 1,064 registered voters or 19.5% in this District, who supported a proposed merger between WD 85 and WD 49. RCW 57.36.020(2) only requires 10% for the issue to be put on the ballot. WD 49 is agreeable to this merger, but with one condi-

tion, no expensive baggage meaning no WD 85 Commissioners would be part of the merged Districts' Board and passed a resolution stating this condition. Normal mergers have both sets of commissioners serve out their term on the merged districts' board. Since WD 85's Commissioners objected to this condition the petitions were ignored and not forwarded to King County Elections for verification like they should have been. Obviously this action must violate the spirit of the law, which is the will of the people, if not the letter of the law.

Now the City of Burien wants to takeover WD 85 and contract out its operation to another water district. Their obvious sole reason for this action is to impose a utility tax on WD 85 customers. The issue is on the Council's agenda for Monday, April 15th 7:00 P.M. meeting. To prevent a **utility tax** and the **takeover** by the City, *every* WD 85 customer should attend this meeting and voice their opposition. *Your presence is needed to stop this takeover and new tax.*

There is no question that tiny WD 85 with about 500 customers should be merged with WD 49. It is

basically bankrupt owing \$38,000 to WD 49, which it is unable to pay and WD 49 is going to court to force payment. For WD 85 the cost of a Manager, three Commissioners, legal, and engineering on a per customer bases is huge. It also makes economic sense that WD 85 Commissioners should not be included on the merged Districts' Board.

WD 85's Manager, Steve Sandelius was fired for just cause from his position as Manager of SW Suburban Sewer District (SWSSD). Also WD 85's Commissioner Stan Carey was also a Commissioner of SWSSD. He along with SWSSD's Commissioner Tracy, and Manager Sandelius created a record that can only be described as *corrupt*. They gave an engineering contract to their "friend" that was \$163,000 higher than the low bidder. On the 4th Ave. Intercept Project they awarded the engineering to another "friend" that was \$31,500 or 48.5% higher than the qualified low bidder. These questionable contracts and other actions are too numerous to list, but they all indicate corruption. A zebra doesn't change its stripes overnight.

I ASSURE THAT Mr. Coomer
Had his usual 4-5000 copies
Printed, in this Flyer.

This person, causes the local
governments at all levels to
spend large sums of money to
re-bate his claims. Also, to
produce audits, budget paper work,
& numerous other publications.

Thanks!
Ron Clark

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The Third Runway

By Joseph C Coomer

Just think! We have spent over \$13 million in this effort to stop the third runway and have yet to win a single legal battle.

Look at what your community alone has contributed in dollars to the ACC/RCAA where B is Burien, DM is Des Moines, NP is Normandy Park, FW is Federal Way, and T is Tukwila.

Year	B	DM	NP	FW	T
1992	0	208,349	50,250	0	0
1993	0	124,515	150,000	0	0
1994	128,444	150,565	100,000	28,000	15,000
1995	284,910	607,599	140,000	27,000	128,000
1996	686,310	837,181	600,000	100,000	114,000
1997	656,306	741,861	600,000	100,000	100,000
1998	663,843	812,705	850,000	100,000	100,000
1999	479,556	737,229	350,000	30,000	50,000
2000	228,000	421,276	100,566	30,000	50,000
2001	<u>460,725</u>	<u>515,583</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total	3,588,094	5,156,863	3,190,816	445,000	657,000

We, the surrounding "Not-in-My-Back-Yard" (NIMBY) communities of Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, Federal Way, and Tukwila, have fought this project primarily through the Airport Communities Coalition (ACC). In association with the ACC is the Regional Commission on Airport Affairs

(RCAA) and the Citizens Against SeaTac Expansion (CASE).

Initially the ACC appeared to function properly making decisions that most citizens would concur. However, for some time now it is apparent that there is much amiss with the management of the ACC. Alarming is a statement by the ACC Chair, Bob Sheckler in response to a request, stated,

"There are no balance sheets, year-end reports, or state (or other) audit reports available for review."

Consider how the ACC management, which we poured not only our taxes, but *our trust*, spent them. From the vouchers we find:

- On 9/30/99 the ACC spent \$6,979.25 to furnish a 10-ft. by 12-ft. office at the Des Moines City Hall for the ACC Administrator.
- Too numerous to list are vouchers for breakfast, lunch, and sometimes dinner for the ACC administrator and other ACC officials. A couple of examples are on 11/18/99 the ACC spent \$857.25 for a dinner meeting at the exclusive *Anthony's Homeport Restaurant* and on 9/16/99 the ACC spent \$121.60 for a meal.

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- In the initial review there were several for bar bills and in subsequent reviews of these files, the bar bills were missing.
- For flowers for the ACC office, the ACC spent \$418.65 identified in four vouchers.
- On 3/9/00 the ACC spent \$244.51 to buy engraved nameplates.

Consider:

- ACC expenditures are not supervised by any council or elected body.
- The ACC has a \$64,800 a year administrator, who has no direct supervision and no accountability for hours worked or her expense account.
- The ACC enters into contracts with the RCAA, PR firms, legal establishments, and others, which allows them to transfer *public* money into *private* accounts with *little accountability*.
- The ACC meetings were held in secret and only recently were they open to the public for public scrutiny and input.
- The character of their leadership is reflected in a statement in the RCAA's fall 2001 issue *Truth in Aviation* where they reported that two challenger candidates for the Des Moines City Council were pro-runway. This is false and believed not to be a mistake, but a *deliberate lie* published for political purposes

Des Moines Council Meeting

Disturbing is what happened at this Council's meeting of 11/15/2001. After the recent election, the Council majority, fearing a loss of their ACC supportive majority, voted to contribute the \$250,000 authorized in September plus \$445,000 budgeted for 2002, immediately to the ACC. The Council majority rejected an amendment to that motion to have a referendum to the people and let them make that decision with their vote.

Consider these facts:

- If we, the NIMBY crowd change and follow the path of mitigation, our communities and many of its residents stand a chance to be partially compensated for damages sustained for the increased airport noise. If we continue this litigation fight and lose, then we may receive little if anything

for our damages. The City of SeaTac received \$90 million in mitigation fees from the Port. As part of a conveyor system proposal, the City of Des Moines was offered and refused \$.52/yard for permit fees, which would have amounted to millions. In a memorandum of understanding between the Port the FAA, and the Highline School District have offered the District \$50 million each contingent on the passage of a construction bond, which failed.

- The taxpayers pay for both sides of this legal effort. We pay Port taxes for their lawyers and City taxes for our attorneys.
- The third runway construction is moving ahead apparently on schedule.
- We must recognize that we, the NIMBY crowd, are an extreme minority when one considers the total picture. Supporting it are:

The Federal Government
The Governor and the State Legislature
The King County Council
The Cities of Seattle, SeaTac, Renton, and Kent
The Port of Seattle and the FAA
Most citizens residing outside the NIMBY area

- Many citizens, although still opposed to it, have concluded that the third runway is a done deal and are ready to give up. They believe that to continue this effort is an exercise in futility and we are just throwing good money after bad.

Decision Time

Should we continue it after considering all factors; the low probability of victory, a divided community, our minority status, the "accountability" of the ACC, the progressing construction, and especially the funds required to continue this battle? Because the community is so divided and to be fair to both sides, *this decision should not be made by the City Councils involved, but by the citizens, themselves.*

It is recommended that these Councils should put the issue to a referendum vote. Logically, the Cities of Burien, Normandy Park, and Des Moines should add this question as a piggyback on the ballot to the Highline School District's Capitol Improvement Bond scheduled for a vote on March 12, 2002.

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Time For a Change

The Des Moines City Council Race

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By Joseph C. Coomer

There is much to be desired with the current majority including the three incumbents running for reelection. This also includes Susan White, who is aligned with this majority.

Consider their support for the Marine View Drive Bridge over the Des Moines Creek at a cost of \$4.3 million because the bridge's culvert is too dark for the fish thus hindering their migration. That claim is challenged by other similar culverts, which do not hinder fish migration. This project must be judged a gross waste of taxpayer funds, whether they are from federal, state, or local taxes.

After the passage of 1-695, the Council majority instead of cutting spending, they looked to increase existing taxes and other fees plus other groups to tax. Consider:

If you had a business in the City, you saw your business tax jump 300% from \$50 to \$150.

If you were a student at Highline College or a church member you saw them try to impose a streetlight utility tax on you amounting to \$1.25/month on each parking space. It would cost the college \$32,550/year for its 2170 taxed parking spaces; which would be passed onto the students. A similar burden would be placed on the churches. It was only after major protest by these institutions and others that the tax was rescinded.

If you were a tenant, your landlord passed onto you a business license fee for every apartment. The same item in another city was tried and overturned in court forcing this City to rescind this one.

If you were a customer of Water District 54, you witnessed how they tried to take it over. *Their purpose was not to*

improve your service or your water rates.

They wanted to raid WD 54's bank account, which had about \$400,000 in it and they also planned to more than double your water rates with the City pocketing the difference.

If you are a boater and use the Marina facilities, you must realize that you pay inflated rates for your boat slip, little of which goes to maintain or improve the Marina. Above the funds for the marina operation, the Marina transferred to the City to subsidize other City functions, over \$675,000 this year ignoring much of the maintenance needs or other improvements of the Marina.

If you were not a member of one of those impacted groups, consider yourself lucky. In the future, if this same majority stays in power, you might not be so fortunate.

There is no question that your City Council needs new leadership. It needs leadership that knows how to prioritize its spending and to live within a budget. It needs Council Members that instead of taxing everything under the sun to pay for their pet projects, they need to curtail many of them. The Council needs Members that understand how hard you work for your City taxes and that you demand good value for every tax dollar spent.

After considering all the evidence one must conclude that, *yes, it certainly is time for a change in the Des Moines City Council.* Consider voting for the challengers who are *Richard Benjamin (pos. 1), Gary Petersen (pos. 3), Maggie Steenrod (pos. 5), and Mike Foote (pos. 7).* These candidates are pledged to give you much better value for every tax dollar spent and *marked improvement over the current majority.*

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SWSSD's Cash Cow Dried Up

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All the ratepayers of SW Suburban Sewer District (SWSSD) should cry a tear for its "milkman" Commissioner Bill Tracy. Its cash cow that Tracy "milked" for so long has finally dried up. Evidence of this is Tracy's compensation for the first six months of 1999, was \$4,006 and for the same period of 2000 it was only \$1,180 excluding medical benefits, a 71% reduction.

The culprits behind it are the new Board majority, Commissioners John Jovanovich and Mike Colasurdo (elected Nov. 1999). Before it dried up, Tracy would stop at the District office and have a five minute chat with the Manager and receive \$70 for that "meeting." He did this several times a month and then hunt for

other meetings to attend, which he also charged the District \$70 for each one. Some were only remotely germane to the sewer business.

Tracy knew how to take care of his "friends." On a rehab contract, his "friends" received it, which was \$163,000 higher than the low bidder. On the 4th Ave S. Intercept Project, it was awarded to another "friend," Earthtech, which was \$31,500 or 48.5% higher than the low bidder. It is

little surprise that Earthtech has recently made an "investment" in Tracy by donating \$1,000 to his reelection campaign through the RG Minnott Co. There were too numerous to list other "friends" that he took care of at the expense of SWSSD.

If Tracy loses this election, we will all cry a tear for the last of the good-old-boys at the SWSSD.

Wednesday, October 24, 2001 11:11 AM

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As stated, I have forwarded a
copy of Mr. Coomer's most recent ad.
~~To~~ Also, please note the related
article in the Highline Times/Des Moines
News, published, Oct. 17, 2001

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A Record to Run From

The Des Moines City Council Race

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By Joseph C. Coomer

The Council majority, which includes the four incumbents running for reelection have records to run from and not on. Evidence to support this is their support of the bridge (the following "A Fish Story") implies that they are deficient in common sense. Also after the passage of I-695, the Council majority instead of cutting spending, they looked for other things to tax and to increase the tax on others. Some are:

- A 300% increase in the business tax from \$50 to \$150.
- A streetlight utility tax amounting to \$1.25/month on each parking space. This was a huge burden on the Highline College and every church in the city. It would cost the college \$32,550/year for its 2170 taxed parking spaces, which would be passed onto the students. A similar burden would be placed on the churches. It was only after major protest by these institutions and others that the tax was rescinded.
- Require a business license on each apartment. This was a huge cost to the landlord, who passed it on to his tenants. The same item in another city was tried and overturned in court forcing this City to rescind this one.
- Above the funds for the marina operation, the Marina transferred to the City to subsidize other City functions, \$655,542 in 2000 and there should

be even more this year. This results in less maintenance or other improvements and *higher slip fees* than necessary.

A Fish Story

The City of Des Moines is planning to replace the SR509/Marine View Drive Bridge over the Des Moines Creek because of the fish at a cost of \$4.3 million. Aside from the enormous cost construction will sever this critical artery for several months causing traffic problems.

The current bridge is constructed with a 4 ft wide by 6 ft. high culvert with about 60 ft. of earth fill above it with a roadbed on top.

The FEIS report states, "The culvert has also been identified as a barrier to the passage of salmonids upstream, limiting the capacity of the creek to provide suitable spawning habitat." The culvert is too dark for the fish. That statement is challenged as we look at similar culverts like in Renton over the Cedar Creek and numerous other locations and there is no evidence that they hinder fish migration.

The Des Moines Council majority, which includes the four incumbents running for reelection, supports this questionable project. Their challengers, Richard Benjamin (pos. 1), Gary Petersen (pos. 3), Maggie Steenrod (pos. 5), and Mike Foote (pos. 7) do not. Obviously the incumbents must go.

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No to Mega-Schools

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Nobody Wants Them

Almost nobody, not the teachers, not the parents, and not the public want "mega-schools." Only the School Board and Administration want them because they are cheaper per student to build and maintain. By wide margins in polls the public has rejected the very large 600-student, 60,000 square-foot "mega-schools" in favor of smaller neighborhood ones. Parents favor the smaller schools, which are often within walking distance of the child's home and where there is more personal interaction between the teacher, the child, and the parents.

In the early 1980's instead of designing replacement neighborhood schools, the Highline School District directed their architect to design huge 600-student, 60,000 sq.-ft., two-story, "mega-schools" which have a maze of 26 classrooms plus several other rooms.

These plans were used in

the \$150 million November 1992 bond issue that failed with only 50.9% of the vote when 60% is the requirement. They are the same for the bond issue that failed last September 19th receiving only 49.6% of the vote. Considering the enormous impact of the District employee vote, it is a major defeat for the proponents anytime a school bond or levy fails by ten percentage points.

The public's rejection of "mega-schools" was the key issue in the 1992 bond that failed in a landslide.

In spite of the proponents' deceptive ploy of trying to tie the sound abatement funds to its passage, many predict that the September 18th bond will also fail, as the drawings are unchanged.

People consistently reject these mammoth, box-like, educational institutions not only in polls but at the ballot box too.

The Half Truth

The bond states that they are

replacing 7 elementary schools with 7 new ones. In order to fill them to their 600-student capacity, they will be closing additional neighborhood schools. This is evident from the enrollments of the selected schools:

Madrona Ele.....	485
Hazel Valley Ele.....	385
Mount View Ele.....	474
Cedarhurst Ele.....	356
White Center Hts. Ele.....	387
Gregory Heights Ele.....	472
North Hill Primary.....	388

Conclusion

Consider:

- If the bond passes it will be *goodbye neighborhood schools and hello "mega-schools."*
- For the average homeowner, this bond will require about \$5,000 in additional taxes over the next 20 years.

Does it make sense to vote for something that you do not want?

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The Cat that Ate the Canary

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The Board, Administration, and proponents claim of innocence of being responsible for any waste or other wrongs reminds one of the *cat that ate the canary*. They claim it is for the children and anyone who opposes it is against the kids. That's nonsense. Priorities for funds should be for kids, not waste. There are several reasons to oppose the HSD bond and some are:

Lack of fiscal accountability. Their priorities are reversed. The obvious waste like much of the travel, unnecessary personnel, bloated salaries, and questionable supplemental contracts. These are given a higher priority than maintenance and classroom needs. It is absurd to have only two roofers to maintain 3,000,000 square feet of roofs and teachers often must use personal funds for classroom supplies. Why does the bond have 13 million for maintenance, which should be covered by levy funds? Frequently classrooms are short of books and supplies.

Lack of academic accountability. The dropout rate for a couple of its high schools is almost 50%. Kids often lack the basic knowledge in math, English, science, history, etc. critical in their future.

Economic concerns. This bond will require the taxes on the average home to jump by roughly \$250 per year. Renters can expect their rents to increase by about \$150 per year as landlords pass their cost on to the tenants.

District is not trusted. Since the bond has no binding language for use of the bond funds, the Board and the Administration are free to "take the money and run." This is what they did with some of the 1986 bond money when they built the Performing Arts Center instead of rehabbing the other schools identified in the bond's description. What white elephant will they find this time?

Centralized mega-schools are not what you want. You expressed that opinion in polls and twice at the ballot box. Express it again by *rejecting* this bond, as its passage will mean *hello mega-schools and goodbye neighborhood schools*.

Conclusion: Denying them the funds is an effective way to force accountability. If you do not stand up for accountability by *rejecting* this bond, then when? Passing this bond would be rewarding their poor management.

Note: Not voting is no help in defeating this issue.

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Neil Gorrell
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Subject: Mr. Coomer

Dear Mr. Gorrell,

I am taking the liberty of sending you a Copy of the latest flyer published and distributed by Mr. Coomer. I called the phone number on the flyer and ask him how many he had printed; he replied that he had 4000 copies done. He usually uses Roadrunner Printing here in Burien. Also he sometimes uses Brim Printing. He generally puts them on cars in parking lots of businesses which creates a mess and the owners get upset with him. In the past he has been known to put them on mailboxes also.

After reading his latest flyer two names appeared in the text of the document, Timothy Ramsey and Susan Santie. Find enclosed their C-3's, which I have highlighted the names of the contributors that do not live in this School District and then therefore should not be concerned about the candidates in this District, or the outcome of the election. After reading the latest flyer and most of the other material produced by Mr. Coomer and his followers I feel there is a strong possibility there is a radical right wing group trying to take over the area by taking control of the School District and all of the Local Utilities, Water Districts, and Sewer Districts. They have taken over Southwest Suburban Sewer District.

One added note, Timothy Ramsey is running for Southwest Sewer District Comm. I have checked the PDC Web Site and as of yet the only report on the Site for Tim Ramsey is his C-1.

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September 17, 2001

This group tends to try and keep their supporters secret. I find this very upsetting for I do not know what their agenda is.

Thank You,

Ronald Clark
Ronald Clark

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2004 People are Smarter

Paid by Concerned Citizens for Better Government, 16857 Des Moines Dr., Burien WA. 98148. Phone (206) 431-9693

By Joseph C. Coomer

People recognize what the score is. This bond is the same as the one on the ballot a year ago, which was rejected by 50.4% of the voters. Nothing has changed except the number of schools and the amount. If you voted NO last September, then vote NO again. They have presented nothing that should justify a change in your vote.

People are aware of how the District has its priorities reversed with the maintenance budget being grossly underfunded while perks like travel, supplemental contracts, and the like are overfunded. This is why our schools are in such sad shape. Evidence of this is homes, private schools, and other buildings built at the same time are still in excellent shape, but they are well maintained.

The bond has \$13 million earmarked for maintenance, which should be paid by the M & O Levy. The District has lost about 1,000 students in the last three years amounting to \$6 million that it has not adjusted for, which is mismanagement. Undoubtedly, bond funds will be used to make up this difference. The bond has no requirements of how the funds are to be used so they can do as they please. It is recognized that *if the bond does fail, the District will have major fiscal problems because of their gross mismanagement. To approve this bond would be approving their gross mismanagement.*

People know that the bond proponents tried to flim-flam them into believing that the District would receive \$200 million for noise

abatement only if it passed the bond. It turns out that \$50 million of this was District funds. This is like having the plaintiff pay for the defendant's damages. Only the \$50 million from the Port and \$50 million from the FAA is there probability that the District will receive and that is independent of the bond passage. No one likes to be deceived and made a fool.

The proponents are pulling out all the stops to pass this bond spending over \$65,000. This includes \$7,700 from the teachers' union, \$10,000 from the Anne Casey Foundation and even Assistant Superintendent Fain kicked in \$400. They pressured all area city councils to endorse the bond. They have made over 10,000 phone calls in support of the issue. Even the *Highline News* did a front-page story and the *Seattle Times* did another one too on the issue. Both were just free ads supporting the bond.

They must be way behind in the polls when one measures their actions. They are destroying the opponents' "vote NO" signs as fast as they are being put up.

In spite of all this effort, money, and dirty tricks, most believe that the bond will fail by roughly the same magnitude as last September's as the people are smarter. Sure they want nice school facilities, but *they want accountability more.* They recognize that *if they want to vote "yes" for accountability, they must vote "NO" on this bond.* They know that denying them funds is an effective tool to force accountability.

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It is that Simple

People are becoming aware of how the establishment plays a pivotal role in passing bonds and levies and who sits on the Board. The establishment is defined as roughly a 7,000 yes-voting block consisting of the 2400 District employees, their spouses, retirees, etc. (Sure some employees live outside the District, but these are offset by other district employees that live in this District and they all vote "Yes" on school issues.) They all have a vested interest in the outcome of these issues. An analysis shows that to get the 60% vote majority requirement for a bond or levy, the proponents need only about 25% of the non-conflict-of-interest vote to win. For a Board seat, the establishment-endorsed candidate with this block needs only about 35% of the non-conflict-of-interest vote for victory. For the challenger to get 65% of that block, it is virtually impossible considering the fiscal and physical support that the establishment provides their candidate.

The evidence indicates that a Board member elected by the establishment will only represent the establishment, and not the students or the taxpayers. This is why the District is in such sad shape today, both physically and fiscally. It is also why the priorities are upside down. *The Board majority has represented the establishment at the expense of the students, the taxpayers, and the maintenance of our school facilities.*

When the majority of voters re-elected Tom Slattery over Tim Ramsey last year, did we see a positive change in the District? Of course not as it was business as usual with their decisions representing the will of the

establishment and not the taxpayers or the students.

A Board that represents us, the students and taxpayers, would reject the supplemental contracts for the librarians. It must be this existing Board that concocted this scheme of establishing an arbitrary number of documents in a library, which they believed would justify the librarian for a stipend because it would require "extended time." With levy funds, they purchased just enough documents for every library to qualify each librian for a supplemental contract. These unjustified librarian stipends cost the taxpayers over \$50,000.

A Board that represented us would reject most of the traveled as the value returned does not justify the expense. They would identify unnecessary personel and eliminate them. In summary, they would return accountability to the system.

The existing Board has only one member, Susan Santie, who represents us, the students and taxpayers. During her tenure the records must show over 100 four-to-one votes, as she voted to represent us and they voted to represent the establishment.

As one acknowledges the fact that the establishment controls our education system and a board elected by the establishment will only represent the establishment, they should resolve to never, never, never, never vote for an establishment-endorsed candidate. Who a candidate actually represents should be the determining factor over any other qualifications. If you want change you must vote for change. It is that simple. The onus is the voters.

Ronald F. Clark

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August 20, 2001

Neil Gorrell
P.O.Box 40100
Olympia, Wa. 98504

Dear Neil Gorrell:

Please note the ad Mr. Coomer has placed in the Highline Times under the Friends of Joe Coomer Committee. Also be advised that he has put out his political road signs, and I have been wondering if he has disclosed this expense on his PDC report?

Thank you again for attending to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald Clark

Elect Joe Coomer

Highline School Board, Position 2

Paid by *Friends of Joe Coomer*, 16857 Des Moines Dr., Burien WA 98148, Phone (206) 431-9693

Consider the current picture. There is little accountability, either fiscal or academic in our education system. The education reform advocated today is more apply termed education deform. Dropout rates in some high schools are close to 50%. The emphasis is not on academics but self-esteem, diversity, and other non-academic interest. Colleges must offer remedial math and reading because their students lack these basic skills. Mediocrity is the rule and not the exception. Sure they talk of high academic standards, but it is all empty words and a smoke screen in an effort to cover up the fact that our public education system stinks.

It is because of this disturbing picture that Joe Coomer has decided to become a candidate for the Highline School Board. He pledges to work for:

Return academic accountability by:

- Instituting a radical, back-to-basics, revamping of the education system.
- Make certain that the youngsters learn to read by the third grade with intensive phonics.
- Replace the fuzzy math with traditional math.
- Teach the times tables to base 12.

- Select textbooks on their academic merits, not diversity criteria.
- Either fix or forget the WASL.
- Every student must understand how critical it is to graduate and the consequences for not accomplishing this goal.

Return fiscal accountability by:

- Establishing proper priorities.
- Doing a performance audit of the District by professional auditors.
- Use an unbiased citizens committee to review all supplementary contracts and other items.
- Scrutinize all expenditures on their value returned.

Urge parents to get involved with their children's education by:

- Recognizing that homework has priority over TV.
- Our school system is not a baby-sitter service with parents having little responsibility. Parents must also be responsible for their children's education.
- The lack of parental involvement is a negative change, which must be reversed.

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Olympia Wa 9804-0908

Washington State Attorney General
Att. Neil Gorrell
1125 Washington Street S. E.
P. O. Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

July 18, 2001

Dear Sirs:

Please find enclosed the latest ad that Joseph Coomer has placed in the Highline Times Newspaper under the name of his pac the Concerned Citizens for Better Government. It is disturbing that in this ad he actually names public employees who are doing nothing more than their jobs. He continues also to express his views in the Letters to the Editor Column.

Also on the evening of July 9th he had a fundraiser at his home for his candidacy for council. I do not know if the reference is to the County Council or the Burien City Council. I would assume that he should now be filing regular reports on his election activities.

Thank you very much for taking time to look into these matters.

Yours,



Ronald Clark

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Wednesday, May 19, 2001 Highline Times/Des Moines News

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

"Justify" Supplemental Contracts

Paid by Concerned Citizens for Better Government, 16857 Des Moines Dr., Burien WA, 98148, phone (206) 431-9693

By Josephine Goerner, Staff Writer, Highline Times

The Highline School District receives several million dollars each year from levy taxes but what do they do with it and other funds? One area that consumes a large amount of our levy money is Supplemental Contracts (SCs). These stipends pay District employees for extra duty or work and are in addition to their salary.

For the year 1999-2000 it paid \$961,060 to 393 employees for an average of \$2,445. The question is, are they justified or are they just a grand give-away of our tax dollars.

The following is a partial list of employees that were paid \$2,000 or more for SCs in the 1999-2000 school year.

Employee Initials	Position	SCs Total	Salary 1999-2000
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GKS	linguist	\$17,629	\$50,929
MA	librarian	\$17,210	\$52,093
ML	librarian	\$14,937	\$48,814
PR	music	\$14,045	\$49,978
BC	music	\$12,811	\$50,921
TC	marketing	\$10,916	\$48,814
AL	secretary	\$10,475	\$42,043
BCC	office	\$9,850	\$52,093
GB	office	\$9,995	\$49,978
MB	office	\$8,814	\$42,132

JRC	PE sec	\$4,400	\$50,929
JCF	PE sec	\$4,359	\$47,720
JJH	PE sec	\$4,581	\$42,089
JT	PE sec	\$4,464	\$47,720
DLB	PE sec	\$3,767	\$49,978
TEF	PE sec	\$3,146	\$49,978
TRA	coach	\$2,338	\$42,088
DRB	PE sec	\$2,249	\$41,042
GHB	PE sec	\$2,434	\$37,904
TAD	PE sec	\$2,943	\$48,841
EJS	PE sec	\$3,119	\$48,814
RLH	lang/coach	\$9,805	\$37,904
DTS	tech ed/coach	\$8,433	\$52,093
RCH	music/coach	\$7,061	\$36,880
SMP	market/coach	\$6,868	\$33,424
JSG	lang/coach	\$6,527	\$31,991
SBB	music/coach	\$6,290	\$33,336
BHJ	math/coach	\$6,180	\$42,089
PSK	voc/coach	\$5,529	\$38,927
AMB	ESL/coach	\$4,868	\$49,765
TAS	math/coach	\$4,284	\$41,043
JB	sp ed/coach	\$4,359	\$47,559
JAM	lang/coach	\$4,183	\$40,838
HK	music/coach	\$3,361	\$45,443
DLC	sp ed/coach	\$3,353	\$48,722
MSM	sp ed/coach	\$3,482	\$36,999
LMT	math/coach	\$3,247	\$52,093
RDB	soc std/coach	\$2,056	\$40,020
JKC	math/coach	\$2,611	\$41,017

CPS	dental assist	\$3,767	\$45,955
BS	lang arts	\$2,543	\$49,978
RT	social std	\$2,326	\$49,978
AMV	marketing	\$5,365	\$35,062

They claim the librarian stipend is for "extended time." The story behind it is the Administration set an arbitrary standard for libraries of so many documents (books, periodicals, etc.) and if it had that quantity, it would qualify the librarian for a stipend. With levy funds they bought *just enough* so that each librarian would qualify.

Why not give a similar blanket SC to all the other employees? A math teacher could qualify for a \$2,500 stipend if he gave his students ten more problems each week and grading them would require "extended time." Isn't this just as justified as the justification for the librarians' stipend?

Didn't more than one school district get "corrected" for paying employees with levy funds that had little or no justification?

The average school day for the kids is 5.5 hours (8:40 to 3:10) and 6.5 hours for teachers (8:10 to 3:40) with an hour break for lunch. Industry pays overtime for over 40 hours per week or over eight hours per day. Using this as a reference, it is proposed that an outside-the-education-establishment citizens committee be formed which would review all SCs and determine if they are fair to both the

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Neil Gorrell
Attorney General of Washington
General Legal Division
P. O. Box 40130
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June 3, 2001

Dear Mr. Gorrell:

I am pleased that you are investigating Mr. Coomer. He has no problem figuring out that others have not followed the correct filing procedures although he himself habitually fails to do so.

Recently I have been going through my old files. Enclosed please find copies of two documents that I have always assumed were part of Mr. Coomer's work. They appeared during the campaign season of 1999 and relate to Burien elections. The newspaper copy appeared first in the Highline Times that year. Then a few days later the same ad was mailed to voters. Neither of them have attributes.

Generally speaking Mr. Coomer is opposed to what others are doing hence my thought to attribute them to him. No one in this area has put more negative ads in the paper than Mr. Coomer. He uses the Letters' to the Editor also to more freely express himself.

He also has had a large ad in the Highline Times this spring in either March or April. I do not seem to have saved a copy of that newspaper. There has not been anything regarding this on the Public Disclosure Web Site.

Thank you very much for taking the time to investigate Mr. Coomer.

Respectfully,



Ronald Clark

MAILER

IN. 1999 campaign.

**Paid for by your neighbors against dirty politics,
smear tactics, poison pen letters, character
assassination, and lies, rumors and innuendo.**

PO Box 334
Seahurst, WA 98062
e-mail: write2me10@juno.com

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SEATTLE, WA
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CLARK FAMILY
16856 DES MOINES MEMORIAL DR
BURIEN WA 98148-1645

**On November 2nd, Vote Against Dirty Politics
Reject Smear Campaigns and Character Assassination
Just Say NO to Mud Slinging**

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— Attention Burien Voters —

Poison pen letters and character assassination! Lies, rumors and innuendo! It's dirty Burien politics once again!

The Claims	The Facts
Burien Council authorized ultra-high density apartments	This Council limited all new apartments to 24 units per acre. That's half of the 1997 limit. Renton allows four times as many. The 1997 Comprehensive Plan jammed hundreds of new apartments into downtown. The 1999 Plan encourages home ownership.
Councilmembers authorized health benefits for themselves	The current Council did not create healthcare benefits. The first Council voted themselves these benefits in 1993. Sally Nelson was there and voted YES. All of the candidates doing the complaining already get their healthcare paid by YOU, the taxpayer – a Metro driver, an assistant to a school librarian, and a police officer – all are public employees.
Burien Council increased zoning density in single family residential areas to highest zoning	Historic zoning in Burien has been 6 lots per acre for over 50 years (4 lots along the western slopes). This Council reduced zoning in most areas west of Ambaum Blvd. to 3 lots per acre, based on a proposal from Sally Nelson. Historic six lot zoning continues in the rest of the city, as requested.
Burien Council has decided to build a big city look for downtown	The future shape of downtown Burien is up to YOU, the citizens. NO DECISIONS have been made, nor is anyone considering a big city look. No new taxes are anticipated. Businesses will upgrade and build new parks and public spaces through incentives. Please attend the planning meetings so Council knows what YOU think.
Mushrooming staff growth at Burien City Hall	In 1997, Burien had 31 employees. In 1999, Burien has 36 employees. Plus more police officers for a safer community. Before 1999, most work was contracted to King County at high overhead rates. That work is being brought in-house to control costs and assure better local service. Taxes and general spending have remained the same! Investment in better roads is up with no tax increases.

The State Supreme Court says it's OK to lie in political campaigns. We don't have to condone smear tactics or character assassination. We can JUST SAY NO to the mud slinging!

MAILER:

SUMMARY, FULL REPORT
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

PDC OFFICE USE
C4
(397)
DATE FILED PDC
OCT 03 2001

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Include full name)

CONCERNED CITIZENS For Better Government

Mailing Address

16857 Des Moines Dr BILLY

Zip

98148

Office Sought (Candidates)

PAC

Report Period Covered

From (last C-4)

To (end of period)

Final Report?

1/1/2001

10/3/2001

Yes No

*For PACs, Parties & Caucus Committees: Did report period, did the committee make an independent expenditure (i.e., an expense not considered a contribution) supporting or opposing a state or local candidate?

*See reverse side.

Yes

RECEIPTS

See Attached

1. Previous total cash and in kind contributions (From line 8, last C-4) (if beginning a new campaign or calendar year, see instruction booklet)..... 0
2. Cash received (From line 2, Schedule A).....
3. In kind contributions received (From line 1, Schedule B).....
4. Total cash and in kind contributions received this period (Line 2 plus 3).....
5. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L)..... ()
6. Corrections (From line 1 or 3, Schedule C)..... Show + or (-).....
7. Net adjustments this period (Combine line 5 & 6)..... Show + or (-).....
8. Total cash and in kind contributions during campaign (Combine lines 1, 4 & 7)..... 4145
9. Total pledge payments due (From line 2, Schedule B).....

EXPENDITURES

See Attached

10. Previous total cash and in kind expenditures (From line 17, last C-4) (if beginning a new campaign or calendar year, see instruction booklet).....
11. Total cash expenditures (From line 4, Schedule A).....
12. In kind expenditures (goods & services) (From line 1, Schedule B).....
13. Total cash and in kind expenditures made this period (Line 11 plus line 12).....
14. Loan principal repayments made (From line 2, Schedule L)..... ()
15. Corrections (From line 2 or 3, Schedule C)..... Show + or (-).....
16. Net adjustments this period (Combine lines 14 & 15)..... Show + or (-).....
17. Total cash and in kind expenditures during campaign (Combine lines 10, 13 and 16)..... 4145

CANDIDATES ONLY

	Won	Lost	Unopposed	Name not on ballot
Primary election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
General election	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.:

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CASH SUMMARY

18. Cash on hand (Line 8 minus line 17).....
(Line 18 should equal your bank account balance(s) plus your petty cash balance.)
19. Liabilities: (Sum of loans and debts owed)..... ()
20. Balance (Surplus or deficit) (Line 18 minus line 19)..... 0

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information herein and on accompanying schedules and attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Candidate's Signature

Date

Treasurer's Signature

Date

10/1/01

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DATE FILED PDC

CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

OCT 08 2001

SCHEDULE
to C4**A**
(11/93)

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.)

CONCERNED CITIZENS for Better Government

1. CASH RECEIPTS (Contributions) which have been reported on C3. List each deposit made since last C4 report was submitted.

Date of deposit	Amount	Date of deposit	Amount	Date of deposit	Amount	Total dep

2. TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS

Enter also on line 2 of C4 _____

CODES FOR CLASSIFYING EXPENDITURES: If one of the following codes is used to describe an expenditure, no other description is generally needed. The exceptions are:

- 1) If expenditures are in-kind or earmarked contributions to a candidate or committee or independent expenditures that benefit a candidate or committee, identify the candidate or committee in the Description block;
- 2) When reporting payments to vendors for travel expenses, identify the traveller and travel purpose in the Description block; and
- 3) If expenditures are made directly or indirectly to compensate a person or entity for soliciting signatures on a statewide initiative or referendum petition, use code "V" and provide the following information on an attached sheet: name and address of each person/entity compensated, amount paid each during the reporting period, and cumulative total paid all persons to date to gather signatures.

CODE
DEFINITIONS
ON REVERSE

C - Contributions (monetary, in-kind & transfers)
 I - Independent Expenditures
 L - Literature, Brochures, Printing
 B - Broadcast Advertising (Radio, TV)
 N - Newspaper and Periodical Advertising
 O - Other Advertising (yard signs, buttons, etc.)
 V - Voter Signature Gathering

P - Postage, Mailing Permits
 S - Surveys and Polls
 F - Fundraising Event Expenses
 T - Travel, Accommodations, Meals
 M - Management/Consulting Services
 W - Wages, Salaries, Benefits
 G - General Operation and Overhead

3. EXPENDITURES

- a) Expenditures of \$50 or less, including those from petty cash, need not be itemized. Add up these expenditures and show the total in the amount column on the first line below.
- b) Itemize each expenditure of more than \$50 by date paid, name and address of vendor, code/description, and amount.
- c) For each payment to a candidate, campaign worker, PR firm, advertising agency or credit card company, attach a list of detailed expenses or copies of receipts/invoices supporting the payment.

Date Paid	Vendor or Recipient (Name and Address)	Code	Purpose of Expense and/or Description	Amount
N/A	Expenses of \$50 or less	N/A	N/A	
	<i>See Attached</i>			

4. TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES

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Total from attached pages _____

Enter also on line 11 of C4 4143.7



CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

C3 (11/90)	PDC OFFICE USE
	DATE FILED PDC OCT 03 2001

Candidate or Committee Name (Do not abbreviate. Use full name.)

Concerned Citizens For Better Government

Mailing Address

16857 Dos Moines Dr

City

Buview

Zip + 4

98148

Office Sought (candidates)

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INDEXED

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date Received	Please type or print clearly in ink.	Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous		
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c)		
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements. Attach Schedule L		
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other). Attach explanation		
	e. Small contributions \$25.00 or less not itemized and number of persons giving _____ (persons)		

2. CONTRIBUTIONS OVER \$25.00

Date Received	Contributor's Name, Address, City, State, Zip	Contributions of \$100 or more: * Employer's Name, City and State	P R I	G E N	Amount	Aggregate Total*
	See Attached					
		Occupation				
		Occupation				
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		Occupation				
		Occupation				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if additional pages are attached	Sub-total Amount from attached pages				*See Reverse For Data

3. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT

Sum of parts 1 and 2 above. Enter this amount in line 1, Schedule A to C4.

4143.72

4. Date of Deposit

Treasurer's Daytime Telephone No.: ()

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I certify that this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge

Treasurer's Signature

Joseph C. Comer

Date

CCBG Expenses 2001

3/7 Ad Highline Times 5 X 16 full page	\$1,272.00
4/4 Ad Highline Times 3 X 8	\$381.60
7/18 Ad, Highline Times 5 X 16 full page	\$1,272.00
8/1 Ad, Highline Times, 3 X 8 & placement 25%	\$477.00
8/13/2001, Vote No signs, 300 Loyd Gardner	\$160.29
9/12 ad Highline Times, 3 x 8	\$381.60
9/16 Flyer, printing, Staples, 4000 copies	\$199.23
Total	\$4,143.72

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STATE OF WASHINGTON

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Phil Stutzman, Director of Compliance

FROM: Vicki Rippie, Executive Director

DATE: November 8, 2002

SUBJECT: Complaint Filed Against Concerned Citizens for Better Government and Joseph Coomer, Treasurer, Concerned Citizens for Better Government

RCW 42.17.065 requires continuing political committees to file reports disclosing committee contribution and expenditure activities at specified intervals.

RCW 42.17.080 requires candidates and political committees under the full reporting option to file frequent and detailed reports of monetary contributions received and to file frequent and detailed reports of contribution and expenditure activities.

RCW 42.17.090 requires candidates and political committees under the full reporting option to report specific information about their contribution and expenditure activities.

Background – Case No. 00-241 (Apparent 1999 and 2000 violations referred to the Attorney General's Office)

On February 12, 2001, a Notice of Administrative Charges was issued in Case No. 00-241, alleging violations of RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 by Concerned Citizens for Better Government and Joseph Coomer, Treasurer, Concerned Citizens for Better Government (CCBG). On February 14, 2001, Joseph Coomer submitted a report summarizing activities of CCBG during the year 2000. In addition, on February 26, 2001, Mr. Coomer submitted a letter explaining his understanding of the filing requirements for CCBG during 2000.

On February 27, 2001, an enforcement hearing was held for CCBG and Joseph Coomer. Along with the Report of Investigation and Notice of Administrative Charges, the Commission considered the documents submitted by Mr. Coomer on February 14 and 26, 2001, found apparent multiple violations of RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 for activities

*"The public's right to know of the financing of political campaigns and lobbying
and the financial affairs of elected officials and candidates far outweighs
any right that these matters remain secret and private."*

RCW 42.17.010 (10)

EXHIBIT #3

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occurring during 1999 and 2000, and referred the case to the Attorney General's Office for appropriate action.

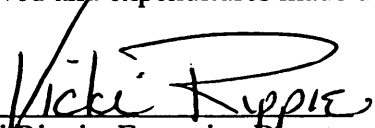
Alleged Violations of RCW 42.17.065, 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 in 2001 and 2002

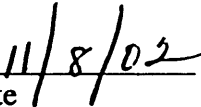
On October 3, 2001, CCBG filed a C-3 report and a C-4 report, covering the period January 1, 2001 through October 3, 2001. The information submitted by CCBG indicated that it received \$4,143.72 in contributions, although no contributor information was provided on the C-3 report or in any other format. The C-4 report was incomplete and did not contain the required Schedule A. The C-4 indicated that CCBG incurred \$4,143.72 in expenditures between March 7, 2001 and September 16, 2001.

The \$4,143.72 in expenditures included five advertisements paid for and sponsored by the CCBG that appeared in the Highline Times between March 7 and September 12, 2001. In addition, the report indicated that the CCBG printed 4,000 flyers on September 16, 2001, and printed 300 "Vote no" signs on August 13, 2001. While the advertisements paid for by the CCBG have been disclosed, the disclosure lacked complete vendor information. In addition, the source of the contributions received to pay for the expenditures has not been disclosed. The 2001 "summary report" submitted by CCBG contained information that was filed between 23 and 170 days late.

In addition, the PDC is in receipt of copies of advertisements that were sponsored by CCBG during 2002 that have not been reported.

Therefore, I am filing a formal complaint alleging that Concerned Citizens for Better Government and Joseph Coomer, Treasurer, Concerned Citizens for Better Government, have has violated RCW 42.17.065 by failing to file reports as a continuing political committee, and 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 by failing to timely file reports of contributions received and expenditures made during 2001 and 2002.


Vicki Rippie, Executive Director


Date



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November 8, 2002

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT
JOSEPH COOMER, TREASURER
16857 DES MOINES DR
BURIEN WA 98148

Subject: Complaint Filed by Vicki Rippie, Executive Director, Public Disclosure Commission -
PDC Case No. 03-080

Dear Mr. Coomer:

Enclosed is a copy of a complaint filed by Vicki Rippie, Executive Director of the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) alleging violations of RCW 42.17. Specifically, the complaint is alleging that Concerned Citizens for Better Government (CCBG) and Joseph Coomer, Treasurer, (CCBG) has failed to file reports required by a continuing political committee in violation of RCW 42.17.065, and has failed to timely file reports of contributions received and expenditures made during 2001 and 2002 in violation of RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090. All laws and rules cited in this letter can be found on our web site under www.pdc.wa.gov. Click on "Guide to the Law."

To assist our investigation into this matter, please respond to the allegations cited in the complaint.

I am enclosing copies of the documents you filed with the PDC for CCBG on February 14 and 26, 2001, concerning activities occurring during 2000. These documents were considered by the Commission at an enforcement hearing held February 27, 2001. At that hearing, the Commission found apparent multiple violations of RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 and referred Case No. 00-241 to the Attorney General's Office for appropriate action.

The enclosed complaint by PDC staff alleges violations of RCW 42.17.065, 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 for activities that staff is alleging occurred during 2001 and 2002. The enclosed complaint alleges that the 2001 activities of CCBG were not timely or properly reported. Expenditures listed on documents filed with the PDC October 3, 2001 occurred between March 7 and September 16, 2001 (copies enclosed). The expenditures were not properly reported on Schedule A to the C-4 as required, nor was all the information required by Schedule A submitted on your summary sheet.

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In addition, the contributions received by CCBG, whether from Joseph Coomer or others, were not reported on PDC form C-3 as required, or in any other format. Please note, contributions received and expenditures made by CCBG are required to be reported on forms C-3 and C-4 and appropriate schedules (A, B and L). The approved forms and schedules include spaces for the information required by RCW 42.17.065, 42.17.080 and 42.17.090.

Except when contributions received or expenditures made are less than \$200 since the last report, reports are required at specified times as detailed in RCW 42.17 and the political committee manual, both available on our web site noted above. It is not acceptable to file an "annual report" listing partial information about contributions received and expenditures made during a given calendar year.

The PDC has been forwarded documents sent to the Attorney General's Office by Ronald Clark concerning expenditures made by CCBG during 2001 and 2002 that appear to be unreported or not reported properly or completely. These documents indicate that CCBG has made expenditures during 2001 without properly or timely reporting its activities, and during 2002 without reporting its activities. I am enclosing copies of the relevant documents that have been forwarded to the PDC concerning expenditures of CCBG in 2001 and 2002.

Please file properly completed C-3 and C-4 forms, with all appropriate schedules (A, B, and L as required), showing all contributions received and expenditures made by CCBG during 2001 and 2002. I am enclosing blank forms for your use.

Please file the requested C-3 and C-4 reports, and respond in writing to the complaint by November 22, 2002. We will review your response and notify you if additional information is needed. When we have completed our investigation, you will be notified of the results. Please note, this complaint has been assigned Case No. 03-080 and is separate from Case No. 00-241 that was referred to the Attorney General's Office on March 14, 2001.

If you have questions, please contact Kurt Young at (360) 664-8854 or toll-free at 1-877-601-2828, or by e-mail at kyoung@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Philip E. Stutzman
Director of Compliance

Enclosures

1. Documents filed with PDC February 14 and 26, 2001
2. Documents filed with the PDC October 3, 2001
3. Documents forwarded to the PDC from Ronald Clark
4. Blank C-3 and C-4 forms with Schedules



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January 29, 2003

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT
ATTN: JOSEPH C. COOMER, PRESIDENT
16857 DES MOINES MEMORIAL DRIVE
BURIEN WA 98148

Subject: PDC Case No. 03-080

Dear Mr. Coomer:

Thanks for your response dated January 29, 2003, to our subpoena that was served on January 23, 2003. In your response, you included a spreadsheet of campaign contribution and expenditure activities undertaken during 2001 along with the corresponding invoices.

A review of the information indicated no contribution and expenditure information was submitted for calendar year 2002. We are sending this correspondence, and requesting you indicate in writing whether or not the Concerned Citizens for Better Government (CCBG) or yourself received any contributions or expended any funds (including your personal funds) to publish, print or produce any political advertising during 2002, and if so, to provide the details of those contribution and expenditure activities in accordance with the subpoena served on 1-23-03.

The political advertising could have been distributed through the mail, appeared in a local newspaper, leafleted or otherwise distributed to the public. If any activities were undertaken during 2002, please provide this information immediately, since the subpoena required you to provide the information by January 31, 2003.

In addition, in your correspondence you indicated that in the future you do not expect to collect contributions from any other individuals or organizations, but instead will be using only your own funds. If that is the case, those activities you undertake using your personal funds that supports or opposes candidates or ballot propositions are considered independent expenditures and should be reported on PDC Form C-6 once your expenditures exceed \$100. See enclosed PDC Form C-6 and the Political Advertising brochure produced by the PDC.

*"The public's right to know of the financing of political campaigns and lobbying
and the financial affairs of elected officials and candidates far outweighs
any right that these matters remain secret and private."*

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For your information, the Blethen Corporation published the advertisements in opposition to I-200 during the 1998 elections, not the Seattle Times. The Blethen Corporation filed a number of C-6 reports during 1998 disclosing more than \$274,000 in advertisements spent in opposition to I-200 (see copy enclosed).

If you undertake reportable activities using your personal funds, those activities will be required to be reported on PDC Form C-6 once the \$100 threshold has been met.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (360) 664-8854 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,


Kurt Young
Chief Political Finance Specialist

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February 3, 2003

(Sent by facsimile and U.S. Mail)

CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR BETTER GOVERNMENT
ATTN: JOSEPH C. COOMER, PRESIDENT
16857 DES MOINES MEMORIAL DRIVE
BURIEN WA 98148

Subject: Response to your letter dated January 31, 2003 - PDC Case No. 03-080

Dear Mr. Coomer:

Thanks for your response dated January 31, 2003, to our request, dated January 29, 2003, for additional information concerning the 2002 activities of Concerned Citizens for Better Government. In your letter, you summarized the following activities undertaken by either Concerned Citizens for Better Government or Joe Coomer, personally:

- Sign stakes and labor concerning the 2001 campaigns for three candidates for Des Moines City Council (Joe Coomer – personally);
- Sign stakes for your campaign in opposition to the September 18, 2001 Highline School District Capital Facilities Improvement Bond election;
- In the fall of 2002, printing and meeting room rental concerning an issue with the SWSSD (Joe Coomer – personally);
- Advertising to form a Republican Club (Joe Coomer – personally);
- In January 2003, an advertisement in the Highline Times concerning the Des Moines City Council elections (Joe Coomer – personally).

You did not list a flyer you produced in March 2002 in opposition to the March 12, 2002 Highline School District Capital Facilities Improvement Bond election (copy enclosed). Please state in writing the costs associated with the production and distribution of the flyers. Also, please state whether you used your own funds or collected funds from others to pay for these expenses. If you accepted contributions for this effort, please provide the required details of the contributions received. Please fax your response to my attention at (360) 753-1112 and mail your original response. Thank you.

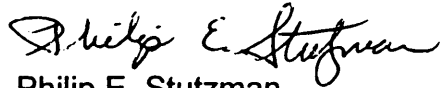
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If you have questions, you may contact me at (360) 664-8853 or toll free at 1-877-601-2828.

Sincerely,



Philip E. Stutzman
Director of Compliance

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HSD Lacks Accountability

Paid by Concerned Citizens for Better Government (CCBG), 16857 Des Moines Dr., Burien WA 98148, Phone (206) 431-9693

By Joseph G. Coomer

The *Seattle Times* on 3/6/2002 published an editorial titled, "Highline Bond = Yes." It stated, "The repeated failure of HSD's construction bond has sent an unhealthy message to the children... You are undeserving of safe and structurally sound schools." Pure bunk! The real message that the voters sent was *their disgust with the gross lack of accountability by the HSD.*

Sure, they tried to buy the election last September having spent over \$130,000 while the opposition spent maybe \$1,200. They outspent the opponents by over 100 to 1 *and still lost.* Then like now, they even had all their puppet councils endorse the bond. The previous one in 2000 did not even get 50% of the vote. *One must conclude that they have a major creditability problem.*

HSD has its priorities reversed. Maintenance has a much lower priority than travel, excessive salaries, unnecessary personnel, etc. They have 2 roofers for 3 million-sq. ft. of roofs which is absurd. Virtually all the deficiencies listed in the editorial and the proponents' literature can be traced to a gross lack of maintenance. The mold problem at the White Center school was caused by an ignored leaking roof that cost the District over \$1 million to fix. If it were your home, would you allow it to deteriorate into such a state of disrepair like letting a leaking roof go until it caused mold problems? Will the same pattern not be repeated with the new buildings?

The fact that many of the schools are 50 years old or older is not why they are in such

disrepair. Private and parochial schools and homes built over 50 years ago are still in excellent shape. The difference is they are well maintained.

Another example is the shenanigans the Board and Administration did for the librarians. Here they said that if a library had an arbitrary number of "documents," it qualified the librarian for a \$2,000 plus stipend. With levy funds they purchased *just enough* documents (books, etc.) to meet that requirement. Now every librarian gets one.

Sell Surplus Schools

A viable alternative to the bond is to sell a number of our surplus schools. But before addressing the subject another step should be taken. The optimum solution to the airport noise problem is to move the students from the high noise school(s) to the lower noise surplus school(s) where feasible. Of course the designated surplus school(s) should be refurbished before the students are moved. To this end the HSD should conduct a feasibility study weighing all factors, extra busing cost, refurbishment cost, etc.

In conjunction with the above, the District should settle with the Port and the FAA and accept the \$50 million from each and use part of these funds for refurbishing and modernizing the selected schools. The balance of the funds should be used to noise-proof the remaining high noise schools.

One should believe that it is not wise to continue holding onto most of these surplus schools since it is highly unlikely that enrollment will ever increase to a point where they are needed. Another factor is it is unfair and unethical to rent tax-exempt

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property in competition with tax paying property. It makes more sense to liquidate it so that the property is developed into tax-paying property and an asset to the community instead of a liability. Also the District would be out from under the maintenance and insurance fiscal load that these properties demand. Since the maintenance is minimum, one must assume the facilities will deteriorate from year by year with them eventually becoming a liability instead of an asset.

It is recommended that after a study, the District should liquidate six to nine of the surplus sites. Logically one to three sites should be retained for an emergency.

In response to my request, Geraldine L. Fain, Assistant Superintendent has listed the following school sites as surplus. They have not been assessed for market value, but one can assume from \$200,000 to \$1 million per acre including facilities. Their annual cost is from \$5,000 to over \$100,000 averaging about \$35,000 and includes maintenance, insurance, and utilities. A few are partially rented.

Angle Lake site	6.5 acres
Boulevard Park Warehouse	3.8 acres
Burien Heights site	3.4 acres
Crestview site	14.3 acres
Glacier site	24.1 acres
Lakeview site	4.7 acres
Maywood site	9.2 acres
North Shorewood site	4.0 acres
Riverton Heights site	7.9 acres
Sunny Terrace site	9.8 acres
Woodside site	6.7 acres
Zenith site	15.0 acres
White Center Heights site	5.3 acres

Dumpsternomics

In June 2000 Reba Amoush was driving by the North Hill Elementary School and saw boxes and boxes of material stacked against a dumpster. So she stopped to investigate.

She found that the boxes contained a spectrum of school writing paper and other material. The dumpster was also nearly full of the same material. So she loaded her station wagon with about 35 boxes of the material which filled the vehicle. This was about 1,000 pounds of all new material still in their wrappers. Taking just the boxes on the ground she estimates that she took home:

25 boxes of 18" X 12" ruled pads.
3 boxes of 8 1/2" X 7" penmanship paper
3 boxes of 18" X 12" penmanship paper
numerous artist prints est. size 30" X 48"
huge supply of children's construction paper.
Several boxes of new reading books and other material

They may claim that the material was outdated, but writing paper, construction paper, and artist prints should never become outdated. Including the material left in the dumpster, one should believe that it cost the District from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Is the District in the habit of practicing dumpsternomics? Is this an isolated incident or is dumpsternomics practiced by all the schools?

Note: This article was submitted over three months ago as a letter to the editor of the *Highline Times* but they have refused to print it. One wonders who this paper really represents, the community or their political agenda. For the past month they have bombarded the readers with front-page articles and numerous editorials supporting the bond but not a single editorial opposing it. Is this what they call balanced reporting?

Conclusion

To force some degree of accountability, the voters should take the funds away by again defeating this bond issue. By voting against this bond issue, you are voting for accountability. Please vote **NO**.

January 28, 2003

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Subject: Answers requested in Subpoena, case No. 03-080

Dear PDC,

Attached is CCBG report covering expenses and donations for the year 2001, 2002.

The attached has the requested data. Also attached are copies of vouchers from the Robinson Newspapers. I have no other receipts. All payments were paid out of my personal account.

I have given much thought to the intent and function of what the PDC should be and my own constitutional right of freedom of speech. I have concluded that the primary function of the PDC is the control and limit of conflict-of-interest donations to candidates or issues. The PDC need only be involved when there are contributions, conflict or not.

I believe the individual has the same constitutional freedom of speech as our newspapers. I know the Seattle Times must have published at least 25 full-page ads opposing I-200. Obviously, they paid for the ads and did no solicitation for additional funds for their cost. I am sure the Seattle Times did not submit any PDC forms. If the newspapers can do this, so can the individual as long as he doesn't solicit funds. *That is his constitutional right.*

In the future, I am adopting the concept that if I don't solicit funds for my ads, etc., I am not required to report such expenditures to the PDC and will not.

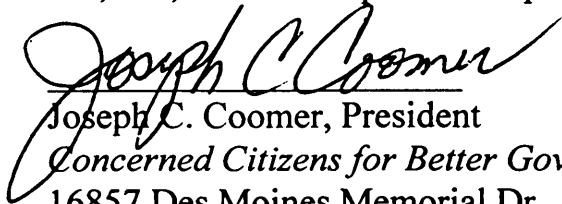

Joseph C. Coomer, President
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July 09, 2001

Dennis Rainer
William Fanslow
Joe Coomer

CCBG 2001 Year				
Donations	204 S. Normandy Rd	Seattle	WA	98148
	404 SW 197th St	Normandy Park	WA	98166
	206-431-969; 16857 Des Moines Dr.	Burien	WA	98148
Total			retired	\$7,321.02
				\$7,366.02

CCBG Expenses 2001

3/7 Ad Highline Times 5 X 16 full page	\$1,272.00
4/4 Ad Highline Times 3 X 8	\$381.60
7/18 Ad, Highline Times 5 X 16 full page	\$1,272.00
8/1 Ad, Highline Times, 3 X 8 & placement 25%	\$477.00
8/13/2001, Vote No signs, 300 Loyd Gardner	\$160.29
8/15/2001, ad, Highline times	\$477.00
9/5/2001, ad, Highline times	\$477.00
9/12 ad Highline Times, 3 x 8	\$381.60
9/16 Flyer, printing, Staples, 4000 copies	\$199.23
10/10 flyer, 2000 copies, Brim Press	\$90.00
10/17 Ad 5 x 16 full page, Highline Times	\$1,272.00
10/17/2001 ad, Highline Times	\$333.90
10/31 ad, Highline Times	\$572.40

Total \$7,366.02

ROBINSON NEWSPAPERS
 HIGHLINE TIMES / DES MOINES NEWS
 FEDERAL WAY NEWS
 8600 8th ALASKA ST
 SEATTLE WA 98126 PHONE 206-432-0300

BILL TO:

JOSEPH COOMER
 16957 DES MOINES DR
 SEATTLE, WA 98148

Trade Discount

INVOICE

INVOICE DATE 10/31/01
 INVOICE NO. 017940

CUSTOMER NO. 11227
 TERMS NET 30
 SALESPERSON 1CLAUD

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DESCRIPTION			AMOUNT
1	10-17 5x16 @ 15.90 PER INCH HT/DM	Units: 80.00 Rate: 15.900	1272.00
1	10-24 9x7 @ 15.90 PER INCH HT/DM	Units: 21.00 Rate: 15.900	333.90
1	10-31 9x12 @ 15.90 PER INCH HT/DM	Units: 36.00 Rate: 15.900	572.40
Trade Discount			0.00
TOTAL			2178.30

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ROBINSON PAPER
 HIGHLINE TIMES / DES MOINES NEWS
 FEDERAL WAY NEWS
 3000 8th AVE S.E.
 SEATTLE, WA 98148

BILL TO:

JOSEPH COOPER
 16357 DES MOINES DR
 SEATTLE, WA 98148

INVOICE DATE 08/31/01
 INVOICE NO. 017283
 CUSTOMER NO. 11227
 TERMS NET 30
 SALESPERSON LCLAUD

INVOICE

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DESCRIPTION		UNIT	Rate	AMOUNT
8-1 3X8 @ 15.90	254 PG 7 HT/DM	Units	24.00	0.00
8-15 3X10 @ 15.90 PER INCH		Units	30.00	15.900
				477.00

Trade Discount

INVOICE

ROBINSON PAPER
 HIGHLINE TIMES / DES MOINES NEWS
 FEDERAL WAY NEWS

INVOICE DATE 08/31/01
 INVOICE NO. 017284

ROBINSON NEWSPAPERS
HIGHLINE TIMES / DES MOINES NEWS
FEDERAL WAY NEWS
3500 SW ALASKA ST
SEATTLE, WA 98126 PHONE 206-332-0300

BILL TO:

INVOICE DATE 09/21/01
INVOICE NO. 016917
CUSTOMER NO. 11227
TERMS NET 30
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

INVOICE

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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
UNIT 100.00	1272.00
TOTAL	0.00

ROBINSON NEWS APPEARED
HIGHLIGHTING THIS ACHIEVED NEWS
CREDIBILITY NEWS

SEATTLE, WA 98105 PHONE 808-432-0000

BILL TO:

JOSEPH COOMER
16857 DES MOINES DR
SEATTLE, WA 98148

INVOICE

QUANTITY AND
UNIT PRICE
NET 30
SALESPERSON CLAIM

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DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
1	Unit: 24.00	
4-4	3x8 @ 15.90 PER INCH	
	-17DM	
	Rate: 15.90	
		361.60

Trade Discount

TOTAL

NOTICE

ROBINSON NEWSPAPERS
1100 N. 1ST AVE.
DENVER, CO 80202
FEDERAL WAY NEWS
ALASKA ST
300 3100

04/30/01
INVOICE DATE 015850
INVOICE NO.

ROBINSON NEWSPAPERS
HIGHLINE TIMES / DES MOINES NEWS
FEDERAL WAY NEWS
3600 BW ALASKA BT
SEATTLE, WA 98126 PHONE 206-832-0300

BILL TO:

JOSEPH COOMER
16857 DES MOINES DR
SEATTLE, WA 98148

INVOICE DATE 03/31/01
INVOICE NO. 015501
CUSTOMER NO. 11227
TERMS NET 30
SALESPERSON 1CLAUD

INVOICE

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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1 1-7 5X14 @ 15.90 PER INCH HT/DM Units: 80.00 Rate: 15.900	1272.00

Trade Discount

TOTAL

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HIGHLINE TIMES / DES MOINES NEWS
FEDERAL WAY NEWS

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ROBINSON NEWS PAPERS
HIGHLAND TILES / DES MOINES NEWS
FEDERAL WAY NEWS
500 NEW AVE
SEATTLE WA 98104

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INVOICE NO 017639
CUSTOMER NO 11137
TRADE NET 30
SALESPERSON IGILAUD

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BILL TO:
JOSEPH COOMER
16857 DES MOINES DR
SEATTLE, WA 98148

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DESCRIPTION				AMOUNT	
1	9-5 9X10	15.90 PER INCH HT/DM	Units: 24.00 Rate: 15.900	381.60	
1	9-12 3X8	15.90 PER INCH HT/DM	Units: 0.00 Rate: 0.000	0.00	

Trade Discount

TOTAL

INVOICE

ROBINSON NEWS PAPERS
HIGHLAND TILES / DES MOINES NEWS
FEDERAL WAY NEWS

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January 31, 2003

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Public Disclosure Commission

Subject: Spending for political causes, 2001, 2002.

Dear PDC,

In response to your request dated January 29, 2003 I make the following disclosures:

In the summer of 2001 I contributed sign stakes and made signs for candidates Peterson, Steenrod, and Benjamin with their supplied signs. Since I put no value to the stakes or my labor, they probable did report this item. I also supplied stakes to my campaign in opposition to the Highline School District construction bond. The stakes I got free and did not charge for them nor declare them on any PDC reports. I still have an inventory of over 10,000 stakes that I plan to donate to future candidates or causes. I got them out of a dumpster as scrap lumber for free.

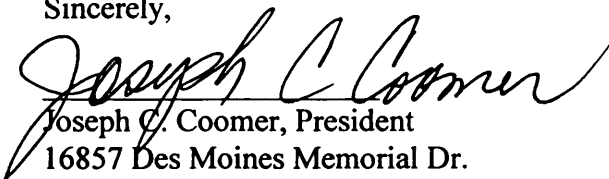
In the fall of 2002 I took up a cause for the residents in West Seattle where their sewage is processed by SWSSD and billed by Seattle. Seattle's bill was about \$31/month and SWSSD was \$13.50. My goal was to have them switch over. I spent \$60.00 for printing and \$10 for a meeting room. This was done in my name only.

In December 2002 I spent \$208 advertising a meeting to form a Republican Club. I also spent \$40 for a meeting room. This was done only in my name.

In 2003 I ran the enclosed ad in the Highline Times on January 29. I haven't been billed for it yet but it should be about \$400. As you can see the proof is only in my name.

As for as filling out C6 forms for expenditures where only my personal funds are involved, I shall continue to refuse until a court says that it does not violate my constitutional free speech rights and newspapers are also required to comply.

Sincerely,



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- Paid Advertisement -

Why They Lost

By Joseph C. Coomer

Traditionally incumbents have a major advantage in elections. One must wonder why all three incumbents in the 2001 election in the Des Moines (DM) Council race lost.

It was not because of the lack of support given by the anti-3rd runway group as they went all out. Maybe it was because the vast majority of voters were sick and tired of seeing their tax dollars being squandered in this hopeless fight. Proof of that majority is a poll of 1,390 DM voters where 885 (63.9%) answered "NO" to the question of continuing the funding.

Perhaps it was because many voters disapproved of the Council's tax and spend agenda. Almost every month they were pushing a new tax. A few were:

- A parking space tax of \$1.25/month, which would severely impact churches and the local college. It would cost the college \$32,550/year that would ultimately be paid by the poor students.
- A tripling in the business tax from \$50 to \$150.
- A new tax in the form of a business license for each apartment.

In 2000 they transferred from the marina account \$655,542 to other City accounts and even more in 2001. This means that slip fees were much higher than necessary. Also the RCWs prohibit the use of fees as taxes.

In their quest for funds they tried to takeover Water District 54, not to improve service but to rob it of its \$400,000 that was in its bank account.

They planned to spend \$4.3 million to replace a bridge because its culvert was too dark for the fish.

Didn't the voters know what they were doing when they kicked them out? *You bet they did.*

Now this "minority" wants to recall these four excellent Council Members. Do they honestly believe the voters are so naïve that they would even think of reverting back to the tax and spend circus characteristic of the previous Council?

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